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TOPIC Parndorf Airfield and Bruck/Leitha Military Post

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REMARKS _____

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1. On 21 and 27 November and again on 3 December 1953, 24 MiG-15s and 1 twin-engine aircraft were observed at Parndorf (P 48/X 77) airfield. No practice flights were made during the day or night between 21 November and 6 December. (C-3)
2. Between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 10 December, 18 MiG-15s and 2 Yak-11s were observed at the field. The eastern edge of the field could not be seen. There was dense ground fog up to 10 a.m., then the weather cleared up and the visibility became better. No air activity was conducted. All the MiG-15s, except for three, were entirely covered with tarpaulins. A MiG-15, the tail of which had been disassembled, was seen near the repair shop. At 10 a.m., about 40 men wearing black-bordered blue and red-bordered black epaulets left one of the low brick-buildings and entered the other temporary buildings in groups. A tank truck was parked in front of the building which housed the kitchen and messhall. About 80 men entered this building around noon.

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4. The antenna wire of the former long-wire antenna system was still missing, while the antenna masts stood at their previous locations. The radio truck with three rod antennas was still observed there. No changes were observed in the status of the ground radio installations.

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5. Between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. on 18 December, 18 MiG-15s and 2 Yak-11s were identified at the field. However, the eastern edge could not be observed. There was a 3/10 overcast at an altitude of about 2,000 meters, occasionally sunny weather, an easterly wind of about 8 km/h, visibility of about 15 km, and a temperature of 6 degrees below zero. Flying was practiced by MiG-15s which apparently made low level flights to as far as the area of the Leitha mountains. The following take-offs and landings were

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observed:

Take-OffsLandings

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| 9:21 a.m. | 9:54 a.m. |
| 10 a.m. | 10:23 a.m. |
| 10:12 a.m. | 10:35 a.m. |
| 10:15 a.m. | 10:47 a.m. |
| 11:32 a.m. | 11:57 a.m. |
| 11:40 a.m. | 12:11 a.m. |

25X1 All the aircraft were fitted with auxiliary fuel tanks. [redacted]

25X1 Near one of the parked MIG-15s was a Moskvich-type van-like truck from which
25X1 a thick cable, probably a rubber cable, extended to the cabin of the MIG-15.

25X1 Somewhat later [redacted] the aircraft was no longer
25X1 parked at the same site. There was intensive personnel traffic at the field. From
30 to 40 personnel including flight and ground personnel were continuously observed
at the field.

6. The Kniferest-type and Fishnet-type radar sets were not in operation during air activity. The AA gun emplacements were occupied by 6 x 37-mm AA guns and guarded by sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Twelve trucks and 6 van-like trucks were parked in the garages. Five trucks, [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] and 2 jeeps were parked in front of the gara-
25X1 ges. Personnel were engaged in maintenance work on the vehicles. Near the battery
charging station were two small generator carts which were connected with cables
to the hut from which the noise of a generator was heard. The fuel dump was guar-
ded by sentries wearing black-bordered blue epaulets. Near the former long-wire an-
tenna, stood the radio truck with three rod antennas and the masts of the former an-
tenna system. Three tank trucks were parked in the sheds for tank trucks. No changes
were observed in the status of the low wooden building, item 24, or the fuel dump
with brick house, item 25. The service color worn by the personnel could not be iden-
tified because of the distance. The two radio masts with disks and cone-shaped antennas,
items 26 and 27, were unchanged. There was vehicular traffic between the airfield
and Bruck/Leitha

- 25X1 7. On 8 December, the air force quarters [redacted] in Bruck/Leitha were guarded by
25X1 sentries wearing black-bordered black epaulets. The installation was entered by 1
Major wearing black-bordered black epaulets, 2 senior lieutenants with blue service
color, and 1 senior lieutenant wearing black-bordered red epaulets, coming from the
town. [redacted]

25X1 Comment. It is believed that Perndorf airfield is still occupied by a fighter
25X1 regiment of the Fifty-Ninth Air Army. A portion of the airfield personnel is probably
25X1 quartered in Bruck/Leitha. [redacted]

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